

Dear Committee Chair,

I'm writing to voice my dissent regarding proposed HB 5429 on Transit Oriented Development (TOD). In its current form, the bill paints new policy with a broad brush over the state without consideration for individual towns' current building projects and plans. In my town of Fairfield, there are already several high-density living projects underway adjacent to the train station, and more under review for the future. Individual towns understand the impacts these new developments have on infrastructure, and can modify and expand traffic regulation, utilities and public safety resources in step with carefully considered housing growth. Implementation of Bills such as HB 5429 essentially push unfunded mandates to the towns and ultimately the taxpaying citizens, who suffer not only increased costs of living, but also reduction of quality of available services ... which makes living along transit routes less optimal for everyone. If TOD is a real concern for the future, then please consider making it attractive for towns to support these developments without forcing unwanted consequences on the general population.

Sincerely,
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